

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-51. (Canceled).

52. (Currently amended) A clinician documentation method for use with an electronic processing device to better support and define a medical diagnosis as needed for appropriate DRG (Diagnosis Related Group) assignment comprising the steps of:

~~inputting patient data into information prompting forms;~~

navigating through ~~additional~~ an information prompting form forms relevant to a patient encounter and inputting patient data therein;

displaying previously entered information and corresponding conclusions;

selecting the desired information and corresponding conclusions to be augmented;

providing at least one of alternative conclusions and ~~additional~~ criteria not previously input to be inputted;

choosing at least one of the previously entered information, corresponding conclusions, alternative conclusions, and ~~additional~~ criteria not previously input;

calculating more accurate conclusions based upon all entered information and related predetermined criteria;

repeating said navigating, displaying, selecting, providing, choosing, and calculating steps for at least a second information prompting form;

~~displaying a selection of prompted information forms;~~

~~providing more accurate and alternative conclusions, and predetermined criteria supporting the conclusions;~~

~~choosing, adding, deleting, or modifying a conclusion;~~

~~providing additionally prompted information forms;~~

recording and saving the calculated conclusions; and

summarizing all entered data; and

providing an appropriate DRG assignment for the patient.